From Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport Travel south on Route 1/Richmond Highway through Alexandria to Fort Belvoir. There are many traffic lights, fast food places, and gas stations. This business-district route is a slow trip. An alternate route (15.3 miles) would be to take scenic George Washington/Mt. Vernon Parkway (named Washington Street in town) south through Old Town Alexandria. From the airport's main terminal, follow the green highway signs toward Alexandria. Proceed along the Potomac River past Mt. Vernon, historic home of George Washington, until you get to the Route 1 intersection; turn left (south) on Route 1. Go up the hill 0.7 of a mile; turn left and go through the Main (Pence) Gate.

To get to Fort Belvoir from Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport by using the "Metrorail" subway in combination with bus services. Take Metrorail to the Pentagon and transfer to bus 9A; be sure you have exact change for the bus. When you arrive at Fort Belvoir, exit at the intersections of either 18th Street and Gunston or 18th and Belvoir Road. (For more information, call the Metrorail at 202-637-7000.)



From the Maryland Side of the Beltway (Prince George's County) Take the Beltway (I-495) across the Potomac River via the Woodrow Wilson Bridge and continue on I-495 to the exit for I-95. Go south on I-95 toward Richmond. (See From I-95 Traveling South.)



From Dulles Airport and/or Virginia Side of the Capital Beltway (Fairfax County) Take the Dulles Access Road from Dulles Airport and exit on the Capital Beltway (I-495). Go south toward Alexandria and Richmond. As you reach the lower part of the Beltway, exit south on I-95 toward Richmond. (See From I-95 Traveling South.) (No Metrorail access.)



From I-95 Traveling South

Take this heavily congested interstate south until you are below Springfield, and take exit #166 onto Route 7100 (Newington/ Fort Belvoir exit). From this ramp you travel southeast on the Fairfax County Parkway (Route 7100) to Route 1/Richmond Highway (Route 7100 ends here so you have to turn left or right). Turn left (north) onto Route 1. Get into the further most right lane. Turn right at the first Fort Belvoir entrance onto Pohick Road toward Tulley Gate (you won't see the gate name until after you turn). As of September 14, 2001, access guards will ask for ID and you may have to get a visitor's pass. Continue up Pohick Rd till you get to the second light (there's a first light right next to the MP station and shortly after that a second light). Turn right on Gunston Rd. Go straight. Go past the fire station. Turn left on 18th street. Go through a residential block (15 MPH). Cross Middleton St. You'll see the DAU/DSMC buildings on the right at this point. If you're a student, park in student parking across from building 209 (first building on your right as you cross Middleton). If you're a visitor, park where you can in the quadrangle or in student parking. Building access is restricted. You have to enter by the door from the quadrangle - not the door on the street side or the side entrances. There will be someone posted at the door to let our visitors in.



From Richmond I-95 Traveling North

Take I-95 north to the Fort Belvoir/Mt. Vernon exit. You will now be on Route 1/Richmond Highway. Drive 6.4 miles to the Fort Belvoir Main (Pence) Gate on the right.



Getting to DAU

The campus is easy to find from the Main (Pence) Gate, located at the intersection of Route 1 and Belvoir Road. Follow Belvoir Road to 18th Street. The main building, 202, has four large columns and a semicircular driveway. It is opposite a large parade field between 18th and 19th Streets. All buildings are numbered. If you get lost, call 1-800-845-7606.

